

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action mailed on September 16, 2004. In the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action the drawings and sequence listing were objected to by the Examiner. The drawings and sequence listing have been corrected to overcome these objections. In addition, the specification has been amended to include the text description removed from the informal drawings in compliance with the drawing requirements. No new matter is added by these amendments. No fees are due in connection with this Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

Claims 20 to 24, 26 to 36, and 38 are pending in this application. All pending claims 20 to 24, 26 to 36 and 38 have been allowed by the Examiner. The Examiner's allowance of all pending claims 20 to 24, 26 to 36 and 38 is acknowledged and appreciated.

Section 6 of the Office Action notes that the drawings are informal based on the character of lines, numbers and letters according to 32 C.F.R. §1.84(l). Accordingly, Applicants have submitted herewith replacement sheets in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(l).

Applicants have also submitted herewith a corrected Sequence Listing. In this regard, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a copy of the Sequence Listing in paper form and three copies of the Sequence Listing in computer-readable form. The Sequence Listing replaces the previously-submitted Sequence Listing, and no new matter has been added with respect to the submission of the sequence listing. Applicants further believe that the information recorded in computer-readable form is identical to the Sequence Listing in paper form that has been filed herewith. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825 have been satisfied.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner should call the Applicants' undersigned attorney if outstanding formal matters still exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 to 10. These sheets replace the original sheets including Figures 1 to 10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets